



DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | 1:15 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Karen Kwan
Rep. Brett Garner
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Karen M. Peterson
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher
Rep. Raymond P. Ward
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton

Staff Present:

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst
Kurt P. Gasser, Managing Associate General Counsel
Braden Hess, Associate General Counsel
Shay Berger, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Christofferson called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Sen. Harper welcomed Sen. Balderree to the committee.

Sen. Balderree introduced herself to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 10

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. D. Welton
Sen. R. Winterton

1. Draft Legislation: State Highway Designation Amendments

[2 - Draft Legislation: "State Highway Designation Amendments"](#)

Kurt Gasser, Managing Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented the draft legislation "State Highway Designation Amendments."

Leif Elder, Legislative Director, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to favorably recommend "State Highway Designation Amendments" (2024FL0831/002) as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 10

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Nays - 0Absent - 8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. D. Welton
Sen. R. Winterton

2. Draft Legislation: Scenic Byway Program Amendments[3 - Draft Legislation: "Scenic Byway Program Amendments"](#)

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented the draft legislation "Scenic Byway Program Amendments."

Kate Kopischke, Scenic Utah, spoke to the draft legislation.

Nate Seacrest, Reagan Outdoor Advertising, spoke to the draft legislation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Vicki Varela, Managing Director, Utah Office of Tourism, responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to favorably recommend "Scenic Byway Program Amendments" (2023FL0829/001) as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. B. Garner
Rep. A. Matthews

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Teuscher
Sen. R. Winterton

3. Draft Legislation: Local Government Fees Amendments[4 - Transportation Utility Fees \(Source: Rep. Peterson\)](#)

Rep. Peterson presented on transportation utility fees.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the draft legislation.

Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council, spoke to the draft legislation.

Malah Armstrong, Utah Taxpayer Association, spoke to the draft legislation.

4. Draft Legislation: Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments

[5A - Draft Legislation: "Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments"](#)

[5C - Utility Relocation Cost Amendment](#)

[5B - Draft Legislation: "Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments" \(Version 2\)](#)

Kurt Gasser, Managing Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented the draft legislation "Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments."

Leif Elder, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke to the draft legislation.

Rob Jolley, Utility Groups, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adopt the suggested amendment. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 13

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. R. Winterton

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to recommend "Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments" (2024FL1001/006) as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 13

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. R. Winterton

5. Draft Legislation: Road Rage Amendments

[6A - Draft Legislation: "Road Rage Amendments"](#)[6B - Road Rage Amendments \(Source: Rep. Cutler\)](#)[6C - Road Rage Campaign \(Source: Department of Public Safety\)](#)

Rep. Paul A. Cutler, Col. Michael Rapich, Utah Highway Patrol, and Hillary Koellner, Department of Public Safety, presented the draft legislation "Road Rage Amendments."

Committee members asked clarifying questions about the presentation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the presentation.

Ryan Robinson, West Valley City Prosecutor, responded to a question from the committee.

Peter Salm, citizen, spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to open a committee bill file.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to favorably recommend "Road Rage Amendments" (2024FL0664/003) as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Ward

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. R. Winterton

6. Draft Legislation: Active Transportation & Canal Trail Amendments[7A - Draft Legislation: "Active Transportation and Canal Trails Amendments"](#)[7B - Active Transportation and Canals \(Source: Rep. Lesser\)](#)

Rep. Lesser presented the draft legislation "Active Transportation & Canal Trail Amendments."

Sen. Harper assumed the chair.

Rep. Christofferson assumed the chair.

Committee members asked clarifying questions of the presenter.

Leif Elder, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Garner moved to favorably recommend "Active Transportation & Canal Trail Amendments" (2024FL0950/002). The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 14

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. M. Petersen
Sen. R. Winterton

7. Draft Legislation: License Plate Requirements[8 - Draft Legislation: "License Plate Requirements"](#)

Rep. Norman Thurston presented on the draft legislation "License Plate Requirements."

Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the presentation.

8. Required Report: Salt Lake City Airport

Brady Fredrickson, Director of Planning and Environment, Salt Lake City Department of Airports, presented the Salt Lake City Airport required report.

Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the presentation.

9. Required Report: Advanced Air Mobility

Peter Asplund, Utah Department of Transportation, presented the Advanced Air Mobility required report.

10. Required Report: Diesel Emission Reduction

Bryce Bird, Director, Department of Air Quality, presented the Diesel Emission Reduction required report.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. B. Garner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
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